

# CalWORKs Bulletin

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## "How do you get there from here?"

### States deal with Transportation . . .

Following are some examples of other states' strategies for dealing with "transportation issues" for TANF clients:

#### Colorado

- A coordinated program, *Wrecks to Rides*, primarily with Goodwill Industries, encourages people to donate their old cars, which are then taken to area high schools where students repair them. Depending on the urgency of transportation needs, clients are then given a reconditioned car and insurance for three months; after that, clients are responsible for upkeep.
- Some counties have purchased mini-vans and hire recipients as drivers. Several provide funds for recipients to purchase vehicles.
- Insurance and repairs are paid for on a case-by-case basis.

#### New Jersey

- New Jersey has developed a transit training video to educate individuals on the basics of using public transportation, such as how to catch and board a bus or train and reading schedules.

#### New York

- One rural county secured a van confiscated during a drug raid. The van is used to transport participants to outlying areas.
- Vehicle repairs and car insurance, up to \$500 per occurrence, may be reimbursed.

#### Oregon

- One tiny town, Cave Junction, contracts with a taxi company for feeder service with centralized pickup and drop off points to a larger neighboring town.

### Q & A

**Q** *Is it "supplantation" if a CalWORKs recipient, currently in a treatment program funded with discretionary funds, is moved from a discretionary treatment slot to a CalWORKs treatment slot, when the program receives new CalWORKs funds?*

**A** **Yes.** *Supplantation* is when a recipient is moved from one treatment slot to another based upon the type of funds the program is utilizing.

## CalWORKs Questionnaire and Survey

Thank you counties for completing the CADPAAC CalWORKs Questionnaire and CalWORKs Substance Abuse Survey. 53 counties completed the questionnaire and 48 counties completed the survey. This information has been provided to Children and Family Futures for their work as our technical assistance contractor. Information from the questionnaire and survey will be provided to CADPAAC at the September quarterly meeting. If you have not mailed the questionnaire or survey there is still time to do so. Please send the document(s) to:



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## Regional Forums

The date has been set for the first regional forum planned by Children and Family Futures. It will be held October 21, 1998, in Contra Costa county. Invitations will be sent to groups within the region, which include the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma.

As dates are set for the other four forums, information will appear in future CalWORKs

## More Welfare Reform Web Sites. ....

Check out the following sites via the World Wide Web:

### National Governor's Association (NGA):

<http://www.nga.org/Welfare/WelfareAssistance.htm>

### National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL):

<http://www.ncsl.org>

### ADP's CalWORKs Section:

<http://www.adp.cahwnet.gov/calworks/calworks.htm>

## Madera County's CalWORKs. ....

The following flowchart has been developed by Madera County to demonstrate the County's CalWORKs collaborative, multi-agency program established to serve CalWORKs recipients whose mental health or substance abuse is a barrier between them and self-sufficiency. The Welfare Department refers CalWORKs recipients who self-disclose problems with mental health or substance abuse to Kings View for assessment and treatment. Kings View, a private, non-profit, service provider, has developed a specialized program called Madera Access Point (MAP) for CalWORKs recipients who can participate in treatment and in welfare-to-work activities simultaneously. The MAP program provides counseling, education groups, case management, and job development/placement. CalWORKs recipients needing treatment that is more intensive are referred to other Kings View outpatient programs.

